

Awesome Books for Pre-Schoolers

Compiled by the Pleasanton Library
Children's Staff



Books are shelved in

*Children's Picture Books
(JPB)*

by first letter of author's last name
(unless otherwise noted).

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Princess Party by Joy Allen



JPB "A"

A princess can be pretty in pink, green or red, in jeans or a dress, with either boots or high heels, defend her castle or dance at the ball, because she is an incredible girl.

Chuck's Truck by Peggy Anderson

JPB "A"

When too many barnyard friends climb in to go to town, Chuck's truck breaks down, but Handyman Hugh knows just what to do.



Who Ate All the Cookie Dough? by Karen Beaumont



JPB "B"

Kanga and her friends try to discover who ate all of her cookie dough.

Ruby, Violet, Lime: Looking for Color by Jane Brockett

JPB "B"

With simple text learn about primary, secondary and other colors.



Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown



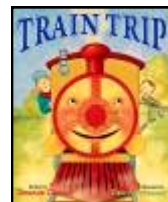
JPB "B"

Two little trains, one streamlined, the other old-fashioned, puff, puff, puff and chug, chug, chug, on their way West.

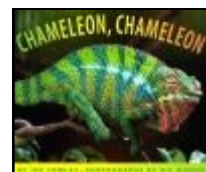
Train Trip by Deanna Caswell

JPB "C"

Describes a boy's train trip to Grandma's house.



Chameleon, Chameleon by Joy Cowley



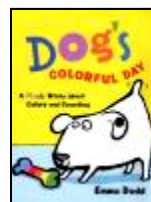
JPB "C"

A close-up story of one brave chameleon venturing from the safety of his tree in search of a new home.

Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd

JPB "D"

Follow the dog, count his colorful spots and laugh at how he gets them.



Cha-Cha Chimps by Julia Durango



JPB "D"

Ten little chimps sneak out at night to go dancing and other animals join in until their mother chimp comes looking for them.

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

JPB "E"

A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him.



Rrralph by Lois Ehlert



JPB "E"

The narrator describes discovering how Ralph the dog can talk, appropriately saying words such as "roof," "rough," "bark," and "wolf."

Everything I Need to Know Before I'm Five by Valerie Fisher

JPB "F"

A concept book for kids heading to kindergarten.



The Wonderful Book by Leonid Gore



JPB "G"

When various forest animals discover a mysterious object in the woods, they each use it for a different purpose, until a boy reads stories aloud from it, much to the animals' delight.

Blue Chameleon by Emily Gravett

JPB "G"

The blue chameleon is lonely and he is looking for a friend.



Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes



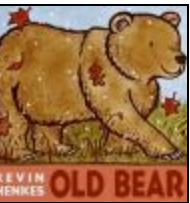
JPB "H" and Toddler Collection

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it.

Old Bear by Kevin Henkes

JPB "H"

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is a cub again, enjoying each of the four seasons.



Kiss Good Night by Amy Hest



JPB "H"

Even after a story, being tucked in, and warm milk, Sam is not ready to go to sleep until his mother kisses him good-night.

Little Chick by Amy Hest

JPB "H"

Little Chick is very curious and Old-Auntie helps him be patient and is his friend.



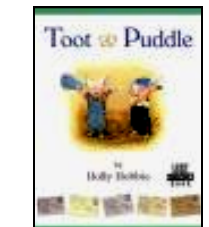
How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills



JPB "H"

A little yellow bird teaches Rocket the dog how to read by first introducing him to the "wondrous, mighty, gorgeous alphabet."

Toot and Puddle by Holly Hobbie



JPB "H"

Toot and Puddle are best friends with very different interests, so when Toot spends the year travelling around the world, Puddle enjoys receiving his postcards.

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Wow! Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood

JPB “H”
A curious little owl decides to stay awake to find out how the things he sees at night look during the daytime.

Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort

JPB “H”
Different animals — including seals, tigers, geese, rabbits, monkeys, and more — make their own sounds as they ride all around the town on a bus.

Princess Says Goodnight

by Naomi Howland
JPB “H”
Rhyming text presents what a princess might do between leaving the ball and saying goodnight.

Come Fly with Me

by Satomi Ichikawa
JPB “I”
Woggy and Cosmos, a toy dog and a toy airplane, go on an adventure in Paris.

Ready for Anything! by Keiko Kasza

JPB “K”
Raccoon is nervous about all of the things that could spoil a picnic, from bees to dragons, until Duck convinces him that surprises can be fun.

The Wolf’s Chicken Stew

by Keiko Kasza
JPB “K”
A hungry wolf’s attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin

JPB “L”
As he walks down the street , Pete the Cat sings about his brand new white shoes as they change from red to blue to brown to wet.

Yum Yum! What Fun! by Nick Maland

JPB “M”
A series of animals sneaks into the house, looking for something to eat.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear

by Bill Martin
JPB “M”
Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

by Bill Martin
JPB “M”
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

The Baby Beebee Bird

by Diane Redfield Massie
JPB “M”
The zoo animals find a way to keep the baby beebee bird awake during the day so that they can get some sleep at night.

Boomer’s Big Surprise

by Constance McGeorge
JPB “M”
Boomer is distressed by the special treatment given to the new puppy in his household and feels that he is no longer top dog, but then he finds that the recent arrival can be a friend and playmate.

Elmer by David McKee

JPB “M”
All the elephants of the jungle were gray except Elmer, who was a patchwork of brilliant colors until the day he got tired of being different and making the other elephants laugh.

Tickle, Tickle! Itch, Twitch!

by Julie Olson
JPB “O”
Gus the groundhog desperately needs to scratch his back after a mouse tickles him with a feather, but the stick, bush, and log he tries to scratch against are not what they appear to be.

Bee-Bim Bop!

by Linda Sue Park
JPB “P”
A child, eager for a favorite meal, helps with the shopping, food preparation, and table setting.

Millie in the Meadow by Janet Pederson

JPB “P”
As Millie the cow watches, an artist paints pictures of some of the other meadow creatures — and finally a picture of her as well.

Fletcher and the Springtime Blossoms by Julia Rawlinson

JPB “R”
When Fletcher the fox finds the ground covered with white, he rushes to the other animals that spring snow has fallen, but when they follow him back to the meadow they find something much more fun.

Oliver Finds His Way by Phyllis Root

JPB “R”
Oliver the bear becomes lost when he chases a leaf to the edge of the woods, but then he comes up with an idea to find his way back home.

Wombat Walkabout

by Carol Diggory Shields
JPB “S”
Rhyming text follows six little wombats on walkabout and a hungry dingo following, envisioning them as his lunch until the wombats turn the tables on him.

10 Turkeys in the Road

by Brenda Reeves Sturgis
JPB “S”
Ten turkeys performing circus acts block a country road, much to the frustration of an angry farmer in a pick-up truck who tries to shoo them away.

Demolition by Sally Sutton

JPB “S”
Illustrations and rhyming text show the enormous and powerful machines that are used to demolish a building so that a playground can be built.

Press Here by Herve Tullet

JPB “T”
Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create unique images.

Mouse Count

by Ellen Stoll Walsh
JPB “W”
Ten mice outsmart a hungry snake.

If You’re Happy and You Know It: Jungle Edition by James Warhola

JPB “W”
Jungle animals sing the verses of this popular song that encourages everyone to express their happiness through voice and movement.

Love Waves by Rosemary Wells

JPB “W”
While they are at work a mother and father send powerful “love waves” to their child at home, offering reassurance and comfort in their absence.

Bear Wants More

by Karma Wilson
JPB “W”
When spring comes, Bear wakes up very hungry and is treated to great food by his friends.

The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood

JPB “W”
Little Mouse worries that the big, hungry bear will take his freshly picked, ripe, red strawberry for himself.

Trashy Town

by Andrea Zimmerman
JPB “Z”
Little by little, can by can, Mr. Gillie, the trash man, cleans up his town.

Harry, the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

JPB “Z”
When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty his family doesn’t recognize him as a black dog with white spots.